



# County of Los Angeles

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### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Yesterday, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report "New Mandates: Analysis of Measures Requiring Reimbursement". The report indicates that there are 19 new mandates for 2002 and 2003 which impose additional State-reimbursable mandates (commonly referred to as SB 90 claims) on local governments totaling about \$400 million.

The LAO examined mandates that were deferred and those that were suspended in the FY 2003-04 Budget, and included recommendations on the continuation of each mandate. For example, the LAO recommended that future compliance with Brown Act requirements be optional, that the mandate to provide health benefits for survivors of peace officers and firefighters be repealed, and that the mandate to extend commitment proceedings for mentally disordered offenders be funded. In a December 9, 2003 memo to the Board titled "Unfunded State Mandates", my office indicated that the State will owe the County approximately \$141.3 million at the close of FY 2003-04 for all deferred mandate program costs for FY 2002-03 and FY 2003-04.

Among the mandates that were suspended in the FY 2003-04 Budget, the LAO recommended that the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) revise its guidelines for the mandate that requires local law enforcement agencies to provide public access to certain information regarding sexual offenders living in the community, that the mandate requiring child abuse defendants to complete a year of treatment counseling be suspended

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pending review of the program, and requested the Commission to review its decision as to whether the costs associated with the extended commitment in the youth authority for physically dangerous wards is actually a mandate. The County is no longer obligated to perform services of suspended programs.

A summary of the LAO's analysis of new State-reimbursable mandates, their costs to local governments, and recommendations on whether the mandate should be repealed, funded, suspended, or modified is attached. A copy of the full report is available at [www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov).

We will continue to keep you informed.

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#### Attachments

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         County Counsel  
         Local 660  
         All Department Heads  
         Legislative Strategist  
         Coalition of County Unions  
         California Contract Cities Association  
         Independent Cities Association  
         League of California Cities  
         City Managers Associations  
         Buddy Program Participants

## Attachment I

Figure 1

**Mandates Identified by Commission on State Mandates in 2002 and 2003***(In Thousands)*

	Estimated Costs <sup>a</sup>		
	Education	Non-Education	Total
<b>Mandates in Commission's 2002 Report</b>			
Child abuse treatment services authorization and case management	—	\$542	\$542
County treasury oversight committees	\$95	1,539	1,634
Elder abuse: Law enforcement training	—	1,594	1,594
Extended commitment—Youth Authority	—	183	183
Financial and compliance audits	7,890	—	7,890
Health benefits for survivors of peace officers and firefighters	—	745	745
Law enforcement sexual harassment training	—	2,471	2,471
Mentally disordered offenders' extended commitment proceedings	—	11,651	11,651
Physical education reports	48	—	48
School site councils <sup>b</sup>	(45,768)	—	(45,768)
<b>Mandates in Commission's 2003 Report</b>			
Animal adoption	—	\$79,153	\$79,153
Brown Act reform	\$3,013	5,820	8,834
County Office of Education fiscal accountability reporting	2,129	—	2,129
Employee benefits disclosure	2,328	—	2,328
Law enforcement college jurisdiction agreements	21	—	21
Photographic record of evidence	233	2,366	2,598
School district fiscal accountability reporting	13,695	—	13,695
Sex crime confidentiality	—	4,829	4,829
Sex offenders: Disclosure by law enforcement officers	6	32,701	32,707
Standardized testing and reporting	184,135	—	184,135
<b>Totals Reported by CSM</b>	<b>\$259,361</b>	<b>\$143,595</b>	<b>\$402,956</b>
<b>Totals Excluding School Site Councils Mandate</b>	<b>\$213,593</b>	<b>\$143,595</b>	<b>\$357,188</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes prior-year costs for each mandate. Ongoing annual costs would be significantly less.<sup>b</sup> Mandate decision overturned by California Supreme Court.

Figure 2

**Newly Identified Mandates—LAO Recommendations**

<b>General Government</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>2003-04 Budget</b>
Animal control	Revise law to reduce local responsibilities	Suspended
Brown Act reform	Make future compliance optional	Deferred funding
County treasury oversight committees	Make future compliance optional	Suspended
<b>Public Safety and Criminal Justice</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>2003-04 Budget</b>
Child abuse treatment services authorization and case management	Suspend mandate, pending review	Suspended
Elder abuse: Law enforcement training	Repeal mandate prospectively	Suspended
Extended Commitment—Youth Authority	Request commission review its decision	Suspended
Health benefits for survivors of peace officers and firefighters	Repeal mandate and modify parameters and guidelines	Deferred funding
Law enforcement sexual harassment training	Repeal mandate prospectively	Suspended
Mentally disordered offenders' extended commitment proceedings	Fund mandate	Deferred funding
Photographic record of evidence	Request commission review its decision	Deferred funding
Sex crime confidentiality	Amend Public Records Act and repeal mandate	Suspended
Sex offenders: Disclosure by law enforcement officers	Request commission revise its parameters and guidelines	Suspended
<b>Education Mandates</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>2003-04 Budget</b>
Employee benefits disclosure	Repeal mandate prospectively	Deferred funding
Financial and compliance audits	Fund mandate	Deferred funding
Law enforcement college jurisdiction agreements	Request commission review its decision	Deferred funding
Physical education reports	Repeal mandate prospectively	Deferred funding
School district fiscal accountability reporting	Fund mandate	Deferred funding
County Office of Education fiscal accountability reporting	Request commission review its decision	Deferred funding
Standardized testing and reporting	Request commission review its decision	Deferred funding